

Senate Study Bill 1145 - Introduced

SENATE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
STATE GOVERNMENT BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON DANIELSON)

A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to voter registration deadlines.
- 2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 48A.9, subsection 1, Code 2013, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 1. Registration closes at 5:00 p.m. eleven days before each
4 election ~~except primary and general elections. For primary and~~
5 ~~general elections, registration closes at 5:00 p.m. ten days~~
6 ~~before the election.~~ An eligible elector may register during
7 the time registration is closed in the elector's precinct but
8 the registration shall not become effective until registration
9 opens again in the elector's precinct, except as otherwise
10 provided in section 48A.7A.

11 Sec. 2. Section 48A.27, subsection 4, paragraph c,
12 subparagraph (2), Code 2013, is amended to read as follows:

13 (2) The notice shall contain a statement in substantially
14 the following form:

15 Information received from the United States postal service
16 indicates that you are no longer a resident of, and therefore
17 not eligible to vote in (name of county) County, Iowa. If this
18 information is not correct, and you still live in (name of
19 county) County, please complete and mail the attached postage
20 paid card at least ~~ten days before the primary or general~~
21 ~~election and at least~~ eleven days before any other election at
22 which you wish to vote. If the information is correct and you
23 have moved, please contact a local official in your new area
24 for assistance in registering there. If you do not mail in
25 the card, you may be required to show identification before
26 being allowed to vote in (name of county) County. If you do not
27 return the card, and you do not vote in an election in (name
28 of county) County, Iowa, on or before (date of second general
29 election following the date of the notice) your name will be
30 removed from the list of voters in that county.

31 Sec. 3. Section 48A.29, subsection 1, paragraph b, Code
32 2013, is amended to read as follows:

33 b. The notice shall contain a statement in substantially the
34 following form:

35 Information received from the United States postal service

1 indicates that you are no longer a resident of (residence
2 address) in (name of county) County, Iowa. If this information
3 is not correct, and you still live in (name of county) County,
4 please complete and mail the attached postage paid card at
5 ~~least ten days before the primary or general election and at~~
6 ~~least~~ eleven days before any ~~other~~ election at which you wish
7 to vote. If the information is correct, and you have moved,
8 please contact a local official in your new area for assistance
9 in registering there. If you do not mail in the card, you may
10 be required to show identification before being allowed to vote
11 in (name of county) County. If you do not return the card, and
12 you do not vote in some election in (name of county) County,
13 Iowa, on or before (date of second general election following
14 the date of the notice) your name will be removed from the list
15 of voters in that county.

16 Sec. 4. Section 48A.29, subsection 3, paragraph b, Code
17 2013, is amended to read as follows:

18 b. The notice shall contain a statement in substantially the
19 following form:

20 Information received by this office indicates that you are no
21 longer a resident of (residence address) in (name of county)
22 County, Iowa. If the information is not correct, and you still
23 live at that address, please complete and mail the attached
24 postage paid card at least ~~ten days before the primary or~~
25 ~~general election and at least~~ eleven days before any ~~other~~
26 election at which you wish to vote. If the information is
27 correct, and you have moved within the county, you may update
28 your registration by listing your new address on the card and
29 mailing it back. If you have moved outside the county, please
30 contact a local official in your new area for assistance in
31 registering there. If you do not mail in the card, you may be
32 required to show identification before being allowed to vote in
33 (name of county) County. If you do not return the card, and you
34 do not vote in some election in (name of county) County, Iowa,
35 on or before (date of second general election following the

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1 date of the notice) your name will be removed from the list of
2 registered voters in that county.

3 EXPLANATION

4 This bill relates to voter registration deadlines by
5 requiring that voter registration closes at 5:00 p.m. 11 days
6 before all elections. The bill also makes conforming changes.
7 Current law requires that voter registration for primary and
8 general elections close at 5:00 p.m. 10 days before those
9 elections.